REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-28 are drawn to a method for forming a mask, classified in class 430, subclass 322; and

Group II, claims 29-35 are drawn to a microstructure, classified in class 430, subclass 5.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse Group I, claims 1-28.

Should there be any outstanding matter that needs to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Tyler S. Brown (Reg. No. 36,465) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account ______ for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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